

listened carefully to her constituents, represented them tirelessly, and set an example of integrity and character. She encouraged people to expect more of their elected officials, and her shadow over the Central Valley will be long.

She set a strong standard of ethical behavior that led her to raise tough questions about legislation before the Senate. She rose to become chairman of the Senate Banking and Commerce Committee, a position that allowed her to advocate on behalf of Valley agriculture. She also tirelessly shepherded construction of Highway 41 in Fresno, which she considered her proudest accomplishment.

On a personal level, I had the pleasure of serving as Rose Ann's Administrative Assistant immediately prior to my coming to Congress in 1990. I learned from Rose Ann the virtue and dedication of public service, and the importance of standing up for what is right.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Rose Ann Vuich and celebrating her long and distinguished legacy of service to California's Central Valley.

**A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
THE 50TH BIRTHDAY OF ELLEN
RATNER**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Ellen Ratner was born August 28, 1951 and will be celebrating her 50th year surrounded by admiring friends and family; and,

Whereas, Ellen has much to be proud of as she reflects on her past accomplishments and anticipates her future endeavors; and,

Whereas, Ellen has achieved respect and notoriety among Presidents, Members of Congress, and foreign leaders as she has successfully navigated and illuminated the ever changing tide of American politics; and,

Whereas, Ellen is also an accomplished writer, authoring "The Other Side of the Family: A Book for Recovery from Abuse, Incest, and Neglect" as well as "101 Ways to Get Your Progressive Ideas on Talk Radio"; and,

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Ellen Ratner as she celebrates 50 years of achievement. I am honored to be a close friend with a woman whom I hold in the highest esteem.

**IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD
ROWE'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER
IN GOVERNMENT**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleagues from California, Mr. George Miller and Mr. Ose, I wish today to

recognize Donald R. Rowe, who is retiring this month following a long and distinguished career in county government.

Mr. Rowe retires as the Director of the Solano County Health Services Department, a position he has held for the past twelve years. As Director, he had the overall administrative, budget and leadership responsibilities for 1,200 employees and an annual operating budget of \$187 million.

He was previously employed with the county from 1987 to 1989 as the Chief Executive Officer of Business and Personal Insurance Services.

Mr. Rowe came to Solano County from Fresno County where he worked as the Solid Waste Coordinator, as both a Senior and Principal Administrative Analyst in the County Administrator's Office, as the Associate Director of Health and as the Director of Health.

Mr. Rowe currently serves as Chair of the Solano Partnership Health Plan Board of Directors, which is one of five California health insurance organizations providing full service health maintenance coverage for the Medicaid population.

He is a member of the Executive and Legislative Committees of the County Health Executives Association of California, the State of California Health Information for Policy Project Committee and a founding member of the Solano Coalition for Better Health, a community wide collaborative health planning and community action committee.

Mr. Rowe holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Welfare from California State University, Fresno and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of San Francisco.

Mr. Speaker, because of Donald Rowe's many contributions to county government, and specifically to Solano County, it is proper for us to honor him today.

**THE PASSING OF DR. FOSTER
KIDD**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Foster Kidd. Dr. Kidd was a true Texas community leader. He was tirelessly dedicated to improving the health of all Americans. He was the first African-American dentist appointed to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners and made great strides toward helping the community understand the importance of oral health care. During his life, he chronicled the achievements of African-American dentists through numerous publications, including "Profile of the Negro in American Dentistry." He was a dentistry expert, activist, historian, mentor, father, husband and friend to many.

Dr. Kidd was a leading authority on African-American orthodontic history, collecting scores of documents that tell the story of black dentists. He was also an extraordinarily effective mentor, using his love of golf to mentor local youths. Dr. Foster Kidd was a true Dallas hero.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Foster Kidd moved on to do his work in a better place on August 21,

2001. Those who knew him, however know that his work will continue to live on through his research, his books and the lasting impact he had on all who met him.

**SHIRLEY ROBERTS: BRINGING
FAIR WINDS TO BAY CITY**

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, Bay Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Shirley Roberts, and to express the gratitude of an entire community for her outstanding work in promoting my hometown of Bay City, Michigan. 1, along with the citizens of Bay City, am especially appreciative of Shirley's herculean efforts in bringing the Tall Ships Celebration 2001 and Maritime Festival to town this summer.

As one of the founders of BaySail, Inc., Shirley deftly navigated any and all obstacles to provide safe harbor for more than a dozen historical schooners to drop anchor in Bay City for an unprecedented nautical exhibit that truly put the community on the map as a destination point for tourists from near and far. Her efforts helped hundreds of thousands of visitors discover or rediscover Bay City, significantly enhancing the prosperity of the summer season for many small businesses, restaurants and tourist attractions. In addition, the event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents and others to get a glimpse into Bay City's legendary maritime history and its many contributions to the shipping industry.

Bay City has come to expect a lot from Shirley because she always delivers. Employing all the vim and vigor that she consistently has applied to other community endeavors, Shirley dove right into the Tall Ships project to ensure smooth sailing for seafarers and landlubbers alike. Moreover, Shirley's keen understanding that the success of any voyage depends equally upon the leadership of the skipper at the helm and the quality of the crew went a long way to making the event a smash hit.

Shirley has always been the first to acknowledge the role others have played in her accomplishments and her modesty is perhaps one reason for her remarkable ability to recruit and retain enthusiastic and hard-working paid staff and a legion of volunteers. In fact, it is a testament to her team-effort approach that so many volunteers answer the call whenever she asks. Shirley also enjoys the wholehearted and energetic support of her husband, David, and daughters, Michelle and Erika, and typically credits them for their role in her success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in praising Shirley Roberts for her gung-ho spirit and unwavering devotion to Bay City and surrounding communities. I am confident she will continue to bring fair winds and Godspeed to any and all undertakings on behalf of the citizens of Bay County, Michigan.